

City Light Issue Paper (CLIP) Sound Transit Light Rail Transfers of Utility and Guideway Easements

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| Council Action Required? | Y | If YES, within the next 3 months? | Y |
| Public Hearing Required? | Y | | |
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Summary Statement

This legislation will authorize Seattle City Light to accept utility easements from Sound Transit over certain property in the Rainier Valley and Tukwila segments of the Central Link Light Rail Project, to accept an easement for aerial overhang and transmission tower foundations in the E-3 busway between Downtown Seattle and South Forest Street, to convey three guideway easements in the Tukwila segment of the Light Rail Project to Sound Transit, to accept \$27,057.00 for the guideway easements, and will ratify and confirm certain prior acts.

Background

The interlocal agreements between Sound Transit and the City of Seattle for construction of the Central Link Light Rail Project provide for cooperation regarding the alignment of the rail route, the location of stations, and the exchange of property rights for rights-of-way. The Central Link Light Rail Project has been completed and is now in service.

During this Project, Sound Transit acquired utility easements from nine abutting owners along the Rainier Valley and Tukwila segments of the Project which are being transferred by this legislation to City Light.

This legislation will also authorize the direct transfer of numerous utility easements along the E-3 busway from Sound Transit to City Light, and the transfer of three aerial guideway easements from City Light to Sound Transit.

The conveyance of the three guideway easements to Sound Transit requires a declaration of surplus and a public hearing pursuant to RCW 35.94.040.

Sound Transit will pay City Light \$27,057 for three guideway easements authorized by this legislation. The amount of compensation to be paid to the City was determined by appraisal obtained by Sound Transit and reviewed by the City

The original construction of the Central Link Light Rail Project was facilitated by Seattle City Light by granting a series of Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) to Sound Transit. In addition to the \$27,057 for the three guideway easements being conveyed to Sound Transit by this legislation, and the \$113,000 for the transfer of jurisdiction over nine parcels to the Seattle Department of Transportation being authorized by companion legislation, Sound Transit owes City Light \$33,163 in rent for TCEs. This rental revenue will also be paid to City Light in the closing being authorized by this legislation.

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| Key Issues |
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| Next Steps |
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Sound Transit will pay the value of the three guideway easements, \$27,057, to Seattle City Light on adoption of this legislation.